

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for regulating execution of a software according to a physical location of a computer on which the software is to be executed, the method comprising:

storing a first list of authorized location ranges where a computer is authorized to execute a first software;

determining a physical location of the computer;

comparing the physical location of the computer with the first list of authorized location ranges;

executing the first software only if the physical location of the computer is within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the first list of authorized location ranges; and

executing the first software only if a ~~Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver~~ on the computer does not ~~[[detect]]~~ receive information derived from a GPS signal.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

upon determining that the physical location of the computer is not within the first list of authorized location ranges, requesting execution of a second software, the second software having a second list of authorized location ranges;

comparing the physical location of the computer with the second list of authorized location ranges, and

executing the second software only if the physical location of the computer is within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the second list of authorized location ranges.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

upon determining that the computer is not located within an authorized area, generating an alert to a software administrator server of the unauthorized area in which the computer is located while attempting to execute a restricted software.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

rechecking the physical location of the computer after the first software has executed; and

upon determining that the computer is no longer in an area authorized for executing the first software, disabling the first software.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the first software is an application, and wherein the disabling of the first software is performed by deleting the first software from the computer's system memory.

6. (cancelled)

7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the physical location of the computer is determined from a local enterprise generated signal.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the local enterprise generated signal is confined to a single room.

9. (currently amended) A system for regulating execution of a software according to a physical location of a computer on which the software is to be executed, the system comprising:

means for storing a first list of authorized location ranges where a computer is authorized to execute a first software;

means for determining a physical location of the computer;

means for comparing the physical location of the computer with the first list of authorized location ranges;

means for executing the first software only if the physical location of the computer is within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the first list of authorized location ranges; and

means for executing the first software only if [[a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver on]] the computer does not [[detect]] receive information derived from a GPS signal.

10. (original) The system of claim 9, further comprising:

means for, upon determining that the physical location of the computer is not within the first list of authorized location ranges, requesting execution of a second software, the second software having a second list of authorized location ranges;

means for comparing the physical location of the computer with the second list of authorized location ranges, and

means for executing the second software only if the physical location of the computer is within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the second list of authorized location ranges.

11. (original) The system of claim 9, further comprising:

means for, upon determining that the computer is not located within an authorized area, generating an alert to a software administrator server of the unauthorized area in which the computer is located while attempting to execute a restricted software.

12. (original) The system of claim 9, further comprising:

means for rechecking the physical location of the computer after the first software has executed; and

means for, upon determining that the computer is no longer in an area authorized for executing the first software, disabling the first software.

13. (previously presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the first software is an application, and wherein the means for disabling of the first software is a means for deleting the first software from the computer's system memory.

14. (cancelled)

15. (original) The system of claim 9, wherein the means for determining the physical location of the computer utilizes a local enterprise generated signal.

16. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein the local enterprise generated signal is confined to a single room.

17. (previously presented) A software product, residing on a computer storage medium, for regulating execution of a software according to a physical location of a computer on which the software is to be executed, the software product comprising:

program code for storing a first list of authorized location ranges where a computer is authorized to execute a first software;

program code for determining a physical location of the computer;

program code for comparing the physical location of the computer with the first list of authorized location ranges;

program code for executing the first software only if the physical location of the computer is within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the first list of authorized location ranges; and

program code for executing the first software only if a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver on the computer does not detect a GPS signal.

18. (original) The software product of claim 17, further comprising:

program code for, upon determining that the physical location of the computer is not within the first list of authorized location ranges, requesting execution of a second software, the second software having a second list of authorized location ranges;

program code for comparing the physical location of the computer with the second list of authorized location ranges, and

program code for executing the second software only if the physical location of the computer is within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the second list of authorized location ranges.

19. (original) The software product of claim 17, further comprising:

program code for, upon determining that the computer is not located within an authorized area, generating an alert to a software administrator server of the unauthorized area in which the computer is located while attempting to execute a restricted software.

20. (original) The software product of claim 17, further comprising:

program code for rechecking the physical location of the computer after the first software has executed; and

program code for, upon determining that the computer is no longer in an area authorized for executing the first software, disabling the first software.

21. (previously presented) The software product of claim 20, wherein the first software is an application, and wherein the program code for disabling of the first software deletes the first software from the computer's system memory.

22. (cancelled)

23. (original) The software product of claim 17, wherein the physical location of the computer is determined from a local enterprise generated signal.

24. (cancelled)

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

in response to determining that the second software is not authorized to be executed by the computer at a current physical location of the computer, evaluating subsequent alternate programs until an authorized program is located on the computer, and executing the authorized program on the computer.